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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT:

Cabinet Paper Titled "Improving the Publication and Dissemination of Scientific Information in

the United States"

- l. We are informed by the Office of Scientific Information, National Science Foundation, that this Cabinet action is in keeping with the Killian Committee Report and the course adopted at the International Conference on Scientific Information held here last November under NSF auspices. It in no way portends any change in budget. NSF, as coordinator, will, as in the past, act as a catalyst in stimulating wider translated coverage of scientific literature and support some of this effort by financial grants.
- 2. While reference to Russian material always merits emphasis in the subject, the problem of "making available to the scientist the current volume of research results" includes as well, the coverage of Free World scientific research and this compounds the scope of the effort many times for NSF within its allocated budget.
- 3. We find nothing in this or other current programs that promises relief for FDD of any of its reporting effort. External translation will be directed to some of the material we are processing but not in such form as would permit us to discontinue our coverage. For example, some critical Soviet journals will be translated in full. The time lag for such exhaustive work has proven to be six months to a year which is far too late to meet intelligence needs aside from the fact that the analysts do not have the time to screen the pertinent material out of so much material. We, therefore, will have to continue to cover these titles also, for priority information pertinent to

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4. NSF has on file the requirements of the intelligence community for translations. These were presented in anticipation of the program financed with Public Law 480 funds and cover the needs for information over and above FDD's reporting program.

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The volume of this required work is much greater than the allocated counterpart funds would cover. MSF will cover some of these in the "OSI" program where they appropriately can do so, but MSF's responsibility to US science as a whole would preclude their accenting their program in favor of work needed primarily for intelligence.

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Orig. of these comments and the Cabinet Paper sent to ODCI, per his request, by AD/O, 24 Dec 58.

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